

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

PARENT

DOCKET # _____

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DIVISION # _____

ORDER APPROVING PARENTING PLAN

It is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the Parenting Plan attached is adopted and approved as an Order of this Court.

All costs are taxed to the Joint Petitioners.

This _____ day of _____, 2001.

JUDGE

SIGNATURE - PARENT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE - PARENT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

IN THE _____ COURT FOR _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

_____	*	CASE NO. _____
PARENT	*	
	*	PARENTING PLAN
	*	
_____	*	PROPOSED PLAN
PARENT	*	
	*	FINAL PARENTING PLAN

PERMANENT PARENTING PLAN

This plan is _____ Ordered by the court on the _____ day of _____, 20____,
_____ is a part of the Marital Dissolution Agreement,
_____ modifies an existing Parenting Plan or prior Court Order, dated the _____ day
of _____, 20_____.

CHILDREN:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

1. RESIDENTIAL SHARING SCHEDULE:

The schedule below sets out which parent has responsibility for the child(ren) during the week, weekends, holidays and vacations.

A. DAY TO DAY SCHEDULE:

The _____ mother _____ father will have responsibility for the care of the child(ren), except the following times and days when the other parent shall have responsibility for the care of the child(ren):

From: _____ to _____
[Day/Time] [Day/Time]
Every Week - Every Other Week - Other

AND

From: _____ to _____
[Day/Time] [Day/Time]
Every Week - Every Other Week - Other

Beginning _____ day of _____, 20_____.

**B. SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAYS RELEVANT TO YOUR FAMILY,
SCHOOL SCHEDULE or SPECIAL OCCASIONS**
Indicate when child(ren) will be with each parent.
[In ODD numbered years, EVEN numbered years of EVERY year.]

	MOTHER	FATHER
Martin Luther King Day	_____	_____
President's Day	_____	_____
Easter	_____	_____
Passover	_____	_____
Mother's Day	_____	_____
Memorial Day (if no school)	_____	_____
Father's Day	_____	_____
July 4 th	_____	_____
Labor Day	_____	_____
Thanksgiving Day & Friday	_____	_____
Child(ren)'s Birthdays	_____	_____
Other School Free Days	_____	_____
Mother's Birthday	_____	_____
Father's Birthday	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

A Holiday shall begin at 6:00 p.m. on the night preceding the Holiday and end at 6:00 p.m. the night of the Holiday, unless otherwise noted:

C. SCHEDULE FOR WINTER HOLIDAY VACATION:

The **Mother** **Father** shall have the child(ren) in even years from the day school is dismissed at _____ p.m. until December 25 at _____ a.m. The other parent will have the child(ren) from December 25 at _____ a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on the evening before school resumes.

OR as agreed upon by the parents as follows:

D. SCHEDULE FOR SPRING VACATION:

The Mother and Father shall share or alternate Spring Break as follows:

Beginning: _____

E. SUMMER SCHEDULE:

The ☐ **Mother** ☐ **Father** shall be responsible for the care of the child(ren) during the summer, except for the following days and times when the other parent will be responsible for the care of the child(ren):

- ☐ Same as school year schedule ☐ Two weeks
☐ Two weeks every month ☐ One month ☐ Six weeks

Other:

Beginning: _____

F. TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS:

Transportation arrangements for the child(ren), between parents shall be as follows: _____

Long Distance Transportation Costs: [If applicable]:

G. OTHER:

The following special provisions apply to the schedules or residential considerations of the child(ren). _____

2. DECISION MAKING:

A. DAY TO DAY DECISIONS:

Each parent shall make decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of each child while the child is residing with that parent. Regardless of the allocation of decision making in this parenting plan, either parent may make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child(ren).

B. CHILD NURTURE:

Mother and Father will behave with respect to each other and the child(ren) so as to provide a loving, stable, consistent and nurturing relationship with the child(ren) even though they, themselves, are being divorced. Mother and Father agree they will not speak badly of each other or the members of the family of the other parent. They will encourage the child to continue to love the other parent and be comfortable in both new families.

C. MAJOR DECISIONS:

Major decisions regarding each child shall be made as follows:

Educational Decisions	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
Non-Emergency Health Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
Religious Upbringing	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
Extracurricular Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint

D. PRIVATE SCHOOL AND COLLEGE: [Optional]

The parties agree as follows regarding private school [elementary and high school] and college or vocational training after high school:

[If parents wish to include a detailed list of the plans for special or private schooling, they may attach a separate sheet.]

3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CHILD(REN):

A. CHILD SUPPORT PER TENNESSEE GUIDELINES OR DEVIATIONS:

The ☐ **Mother** ☐ **Father** will pay child support, in accordance with the Tennessee Child Support Guidelines, in the amount of \$ _____ per ☐ **week** ☐ **month** ☐ **twice per month (semi-monthly)**, or ☐ **every two weeks (bi-weekly)**, plus \$ _____ as 5% clerk's fee [if applicable] for a total amount of:

\$ _____ Beginning the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Deviations: _____

This support shall be paid:

☐ Directly to the other parent.

- To the Central Child Support Receipting Unit, P. O. Box 305200, Nashville, Tennessee 37229, and sent to the other parent at: _____

ADDRESS: _____

- Direct deposit to the other parent at _____ Bank.
- By Wage Assignment Order (ATTACH ORDER)

The parties affirmatively acknowledge that Court approval must be obtained before child support can be reduced or modified, unless such payments are automatically reduced or terminated under the terms of the Parenting Plan.

***ATTACH SWORN STATEMENT OF INCOME IF THIS IS A PROPOSAL PLAN.**

B. TAX DEDUCTION:

The ☐ mother ☐ father shall receive the tax deduction for the child(ren), so long as the child support is current on the 15th day of January of each year in:

- ☐ alternate years starting _____
- ☐ each year
- ☐ other: _____

C. TAX RETURN NOTICE:

The parent(s) paying child support shall send to the other parent by or before April 15 of every year [OR August 15, if an extension is sought], a copy of their respective W-2(s), 1099(s), and the first two (2) pages of their tax return.

D. HEALTH INSURANCE:

The ☐ mother ☐ father will maintain medical/hospital insurance on the minor child(ren) and he/she shall provide proof of continuing coverage annually.

Uncovered medical expenses, which include deductibles or co-payments, eyeglasses, contact lens, routine annual physicals, will be paid by the:

- ☐ mother ☐ father **OR** ☐ divided equally by the parties.
- ☐ Other: _____

[THIS MAY ALSO INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR COUNSELING]

After insurance has paid its portion, the parent receiving the bill will send the bill to the other parent within 10 days. The other parent will pay his/her share within thirty (30) days of receipt of the bill.

E. LIFE INSURANCE [OPTIONAL FOR PARENT NOT PAYING CHILD SUPPORT]:

- ☐ father shall insure his own life in the minimum amount of \$ _____, whole or term.
- ☐ mother shall insure her own life in the minimum amount of \$ _____, whole or term.

The policy(ies) shall name:

- ☐ the other parent.
- ☐ Other parent as trustee of the funds to serve without bond or accounting, as beneficiary for the support of the children.
- ☐ Other: _____

F. DENTAL/ORTHODONTIC CARE:

If available to either parent through their work, the ☐ mother ☐ father will maintain dental/orthodontic care on the minor child(ren). Uncovered dental and orthodontic expenses will be paid by:

- ☐ mother ☐ father ☐ divided equally by the parties.

4. DESIGNATION SOLELY FOR STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES:

The children named in this parenting plan are scheduled to reside the majority of the time with the ☐ mother ☐ father. **SOLELY** for purposes of any other state and federal statutes which require a designation or determination of parental responsibility, this parent is designated the "Custodian of the Child". If the parents are joint decision makers as listed in Section 2, for purposes of obtaining health or other insurance, they shall be considered "Joint Custodians". **THIS DESIGNATION SHALL NOT AFFECT EITHER PARENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS PARENTING PLAN.**

5. DISAGREEMENTS ABOUT JOINT DECISIONS OR MODIFICATIONS OF PLAN:

Should a disagreement arise about the Parenting Plan or the parties wish to modify the plan, the parties shall make a good faith effort to resolve the issue through the dispute resolution process, before returning to court.

Unless a limiting factor listed in *T.C.A. §36-6-406* precludes a dispute resolution process prior to court action, or an emergency court action is necessary to protect the welfare of the child(ren) or a party, the parties agree to the following dispute resolution method:

Disputes between the parties, other than the child support disputes, shall be submitted to:

- ☐ Mediation by Rule 31 Mediator.
- ☐ Arbitration by Arbitrator Selected by Parties or the Court.
- ☐ Settlement Conference with Judge Not Presiding in Parents' Case.
- ☐ Court process **DUE TO ORDER OF PROTECTION OR RESTRICTIONS.**

The costs of this process shall be assessed to the parties by the Court based upon their incomes. The out-of-court process shall be commenced by notifying the other party and the Court by:

- ☐ written request ☐ certified mail ☐ Other: _____

In the dispute resolution process:

- (a) Preference shall be given to carrying out this Parenting Plan.
- (b) The parents shall use the designated process to resolve disputes relating to implementation of the plan.
- (c) A written record shall be prepared of any agreement reached in the mediation, arbitration or settlement conference and shall be provided to each party to be drafted into a consent order of modification.
- (d) If the Court finds that a parent willfully failed to appear at a scheduled dispute resolution process without good reason, the Court, upon motion, may award attorney fees and financial sanctions to the prevailing parent.

VI. STANDARD PARENTING ORDERS:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, §36-6-101(a), both parents are entitled to the following rights:

1. To unimpeded telephone conversations with the child at least twice each week at reasonable times and for a reasonable duration;
2. To send mail to the child which the other parent shall not open and will not censor;
3. To receive notice and relevant information as practical (but within 24 hours) in the event of hospitalization, major illness, or death of the child;
4. To receive directly from the school, upon written request, which includes a current mailing address and upon payment of reasonable costs of duplicating, copies of the child's report cards, attendance records, names of teachers, class schedules, standardized test scores, and any other records customarily made available to parents;
5. Unless otherwise provided by law, the right to receive copies of the child's medical, health or other treatment records directly from the physician or health care provider who provided such treatment or health care upon written request which contains a current mailing address and upon payment of reasonable costs of duplication; provided, that no person who receives the mailing address of a parent as a result of this requirement shall provide such address to the other parent or a third person.
6. To be free of derogatory remarks made about such parent or such parent's family by the other parent to or in the presence of the child;

7. To be given at least forty-eight (48) hours notice, whenever possible, of all extra curricular activities, and the opportunity to participate or observe, including, but not limited to the following:
 - (i) School activities
 - (ii) Athletic activities
 - (iii) Church activities, and
 - (iv) Other activities as to which parental participation or observation would be appropriate.
8. To receive from the other parent, in the event the other parent leaves the state with the minor child(ren) for more than two (2) days, an itinerary including telephone numbers for use in the event of an emergency.
9. Access and participation in education, including the right of access to the minor child or children for lunch and other activities, on the same basis that is provided to all parents, provided the participation or access is reasonable and does not interfere with day-to-day operations or with the child's educational performance.

SIGNATURE OF PARTY(IES) FOR PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN OR FOR FINAL PARENTING PLAN:

I HEREBY MAKE OATH THAT THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN GOOD FAITH AND THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD(REN). (NOTARY REQUIREMENT FOR PROPOSED PLAN ONLY)

MOTHER

DATE AND PLACE OF SIGNATURE

FATHER

DATE AND PLACE OF SIGNATURE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

